

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Intercounty Connector Project

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Robert Miller Property

and/or common Hill Property

2. Location:

street & number 133 Norwood Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Cloverly ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification:

| | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government religious |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial scientific |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military other: |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |

4. Owner of Property: (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name J. Willis Hill

street & number 133 Norwood Road

telephone no.:

city, town Silver Spring

state and zip code MD 20904

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Montgomery County

liber 4328

street & number 50 Maryland Avenue

folio 139

city, town Rockville

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

ty, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. M:28-47(PACS C7.5)

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved

date of move _____

Resource Count: 2

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Robert Miller Property is a 2-story, 3-bay side-gable vernacular cottage on the north side of Norwood Road in the Cloverly vicinity, Montgomery County. Constructed circa 1885, the building is four-over-four in plan with a 1-story enclosed rear porch.

The structure has a side-gable roof covered with standing seam metal, with two brick interior chimneys, each symmetrically located in the dividing walls between the front and rear rooms. It is of wood-frame construction with asbestos shingle siding, and it has a stuccoed foundation. The windows are replacement vinyl 1/1 double-hung. The window surround has been covered with vinyl siding. A full-width porch appears to have been removed from the front elevation. The front elevation has a full-width, raised concrete slab floor. Three concrete steps are centered on the front, or south side of the slab.

The front, or south facade has a central entrance consisting of a replacement vinyl door and an aluminum storm door. The fenestration pattern on the front facade is symmetrical, with a single 1/1 double-hung window on both sides of the entry. The second story has two 1/1 double-hung windows aligned over the first story windows.

The west elevation has a symmetrical fenestration pattern with two 1/1 double-hung windows on the first, second and attic levels.

The rear, or north elevation has a single 1/1 double-hung window on the first story. The remainder of the first story fenestration is obscured by a 1-story enclosed rear porch. The porch has three 1/1 double-hung windows and a solid panel door. The second story of the rear elevation has three 1/1 double-hung windows.

The east elevation has a symmetrical fenestration pattern with four 1/1 double-hung windows on both the first and second stories and two 1/1 double-hung windows in the attic level. A large rectangular opening in the basement level is located between the third and fourth bays.

Alterations to the property include the addition of a stoop on the front elevation, the enclosure of the rear porch, the covering of the exterior with asbestos shingles and the replacement of the windows and doors.

There is one outbuilding associated with this property. The outbuilding is a shed, with a shed roof. Constructed circa 1940, it is of wood-frame construction. The structure is located north of the house.

The property is located on the north side of Norwood Road, with farmland to the west, open space to the north and a residential property to the east. The property's setting is rural and still retains its historic integrity.

8. Significance

Survey No. M:28-47 (PACS C7.5)

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> social/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communication | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates circa 1885

Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exceptions: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Robert Miller purchased 60.7 hectares (150 acres) of land from Richard and Eliza Griffith in 1883. A house does not appear on the Martenet and Bonds Map of 1865 or the Hopkins Map of 1878. The current house was most likely built after the land was purchased by Robert Miller in 1883. Miller sold the property to Charles Hill in 1902 for \$7500. The land was reduced to 4.57 hectares (11.29 acres) in 1951 and 1.33 hectares (3.28 acres) in 1973. The house remains in the Hill family.

The Robert Miller Property is located in a section of Montgomery County known as Cloverly. Cloverly is the name given to a region in Eastern Montgomery County which extends for several miles around the town of Spencerville. On present maps, Cloverly is often linked to the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and Briggs Chaney Road. In the nineteenth century this area consisted of agricultural and open land and small villages. Farmsteads produced tobacco in the early nineteenth century, followed by wheat and dairy production in the mid to late nineteenth century. The development of the region was aided by a network of major travel routes, including the Ashton-Colesville Turnpike (New Hampshire Avenue), Old Baltimore Road (Layhill/Ednor Road) and the Laurel Road (Spencerville Road). The town of Spencerville developed in the late nineteenth century and prospered into the twentieth century as the commercial center of the Cloverly area. The region had a large number of Quaker and Methodist settlers, and several nineteenth century African American settlements.

During the twentieth century, the economy of Montgomery County shifted away from agrarian to service, government, insurance and banking industries to support the growing Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. The effect of this change spread north into the Cloverly area. Many of the historic farmsteads were developed into suburban neighborhoods, small villages were infilled with new construction and farmhouses were "updated" with additions, stylistic alterations and infrastructure improvements. Today, few farmhouses, and even fewer farmsteads, exist in the Cloverly area, as suburban development continues (M-NCPPC 1995, 34-37).

The house on the Robert Miller property is a 2-story, 3-bay vernacular cottage. The vernacular cottage was a common building form built between 1870 and 1940. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gabled, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof

CONTINUATION SHEET

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8. Significance (Continued)

frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily one to one-and-a-half-stories tall, 3 bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually two to two-and-a-half-stories tall, are typically two to three bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

Constructed circa 1885, the Robert Miller Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C due to a lack of material integrity and architectural distinction. Its integrity has been severely compromised through the removal of the front porch, the replacement of the windows and doors, the covering of the exterior with asbestos shingles and vinyl siding and the enclosure of the rear porch. The house is situated among farm lands, yet none of its agricultural outbuildings remain to represent the agricultural heritage of the property. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended X

Comments: _____

Reviewer, OPS: E. Hannold/K. Williams Date: 11/25/1996

Reviewer, NR Program: *(Signature)* Date: 3/2/02

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. M:28-47(PACS C7.5)

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.33 hectares (3.28 acres)

Quadrangle name Kensington, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

| state | code | county | code |
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| state | code | county | code |
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11. Form Prepared By

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date December 1996

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city or town Baltimore

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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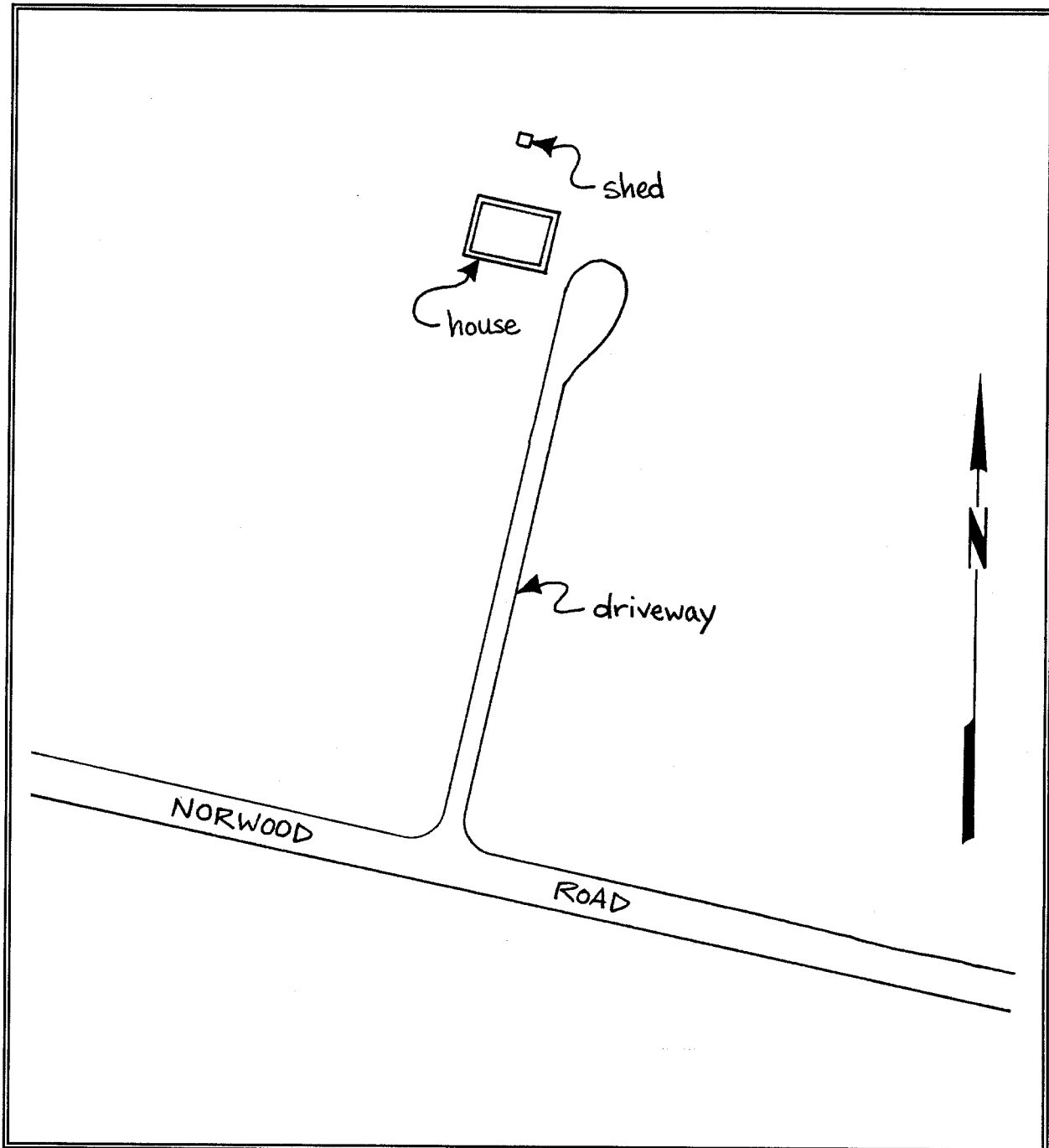
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer:

P.A.C. Spero & Company

December 1996

123

2'30"

124

790 000 FEET

SANDY SPRING 1.9 MI.

126

39°07'30"

470 000

FEET

Intercounty Connector Project
Upgrade Existing Roads Alternative
Quad Kensington
Survey No. M:28-47 (PACS C7.5)
Property Name Robert Miller Property

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SUNSHINE (MD. 97) 10 MI.



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4330
4329

4328

5'

4327

TO U.S. 29
NE 7 MI.





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2. Robert Miller Property
3. Montgomery
4. Tim Tamburino
5. July 1996
6. P.A.C. Spco & Company, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave, Suite 412, Towson MD 21204
7. 133 Norwood Road, Front elevation
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7. 133 Norwood Road, west elevation
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7. 133 Newwood Road, east elevation
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